

**REGULAR MEETING
HEALTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2009 @ 5:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. CHAIRMAN David A. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. MEMBERS PRESENT: David A. Miller, Lynnette Miller, Mary Husby, Shannon Wilber (late), Jerry Waukau, Darwin Dick and Geradette Richmond. MEMBERS ABSENT: Duane Waukau. Also present: Wendell Kenote and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Election of Officers and Review/Approval of Committee By Laws.

No action taken.

4. Approval of Minutes dated March 31, 2009.

UPDATES TO THE MARCH 31, 2009 MINUTES

The recommendation to allow Mark Caskey to groom the trails went to the Community Development Department.

The Senior Meal Site will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to approve the minutes dated March 31, 2009. Second was by Geradette Richmond. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Husby), and 2 absent (Wilber and D. Waukau).

The determination of a Tribal Member's residency was requested as item # 5 deals with a patient, and the HIPPA laws request confidentiality.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to go into Executive Session as this is a patient complaint. Second was by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Wilber and D. Waukau).

5. Contract Health Services Policy on Determining a Tribal Member's Residency

***** EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT RECORDED *****

(Shannon Wilber entered the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to come out of Executive Session. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

(There was no action taken from Executive Session)

6. Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau

MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Jerry Waukau informed the Committee that the Risk Management portion of the Manual was adjusted to show that the Safety Officer reviewed all the incident reports and that the Health Administrator reviews all patient complaints.

The manual will be updated again when the electronic records are completely transferred from paper to electronic data.

Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the change to the Medical Services Procedure Manual. Second was by Geradette Richmond. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau), and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

EMS POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Jerry Waukau informed the Committee that the EMS Manual has been updated to reflect title changes, updated the Manual to show that two staff members will ride in the ambulance regardless if there is a RN or doctor on board; to change Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 146.5 to Chapter 256; and to state that staff can review this manual at any time.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to approve the changes to the EMS Policy and Procedure Manual. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau), and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

MONTHLY REPORT

Jerry Waukau informed the Committee that he is working with the State to establish a FNAP rate. Our Tribe does not have one established and Mr. Waukau will keep the Committee updated.

REQUEST FROM AIDS COORDINATOR

Jerry Waukau informed the Committee that GLITC will provide funding to allow Confidential AIDS testing to be conducted at the Annual Pow Wow. This type of testing was done at the Lac Courte Oreilles Pow Wow. The Community Health Department would like to take advantage of this grant and offer this service.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to recommend to the Pow Wow Committee to support the concept of allowing the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in collaboration with Great Lakes Intertribal Council, in requesting to partner with the Menominee Tribal Clinic Staff to provide Rapid HIV testing at the Annual Pow Wow that is held in August 2009. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau), and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

8. Review Monthly Narratives

MAEHNOWESEKIYAH

Shannon Wilber informed the Committee that the monthly data on the reports has been updated. The Department was in the transition of servers and the new server was having trouble recognizing the software (Goal Minder), that Maehnowesekiyah utilizes.

The Wellness Court is not properly funded. It is still recognized but due to limited dollars, it can not function at potential levels.

Some of our Youth are not identified as homeless. This is because most of our youth can live with family members for a certain time; then the family wants to get support for this child. When this happens, the biological parent takes the child back home, which can cause a hostile environment.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Mary Husby spoke to the Committee on what has been happening at the State level in regards to the codification of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to Wisconsin-ize that Federal Law and to put it into Wisconsin Statutes (Chapter 48-Children's Code and Chapter 938- Juvenile Code as it applies to the JIPS clientele (the juveniles offenders for truancy, underage drinking, curfew, etc.....).

Senator Jauch would like to sponsor the introduction of the bill, but the meetings with the stakeholders and the private adoption agencies have not gone well. Senator Jauch wants everyone to come to a consensus before he will sponsor this bill. The stakeholders continue to come up with different issues and Mrs. Husby is looking for help.

Out of the 12 Tribes that represent Wisconsin; Kris Goodwill and the Ho Chunk Nation have been in attendance for all the meetings. The Menominee Tribe needs to do more lobbying as this Bill will be introduced in September 2009. Joe Strohl is a lobbyist that works for the Tribe and he has not visible. The Tribe needs to get actively involved or we will lose children in the system. There are statistics that have Indian children in the system, but the State can not identify which Tribe they belong to. The State is also trying to make their software programs easier to locate the area when social workers can check if the client is a Native American or of Native American descent.

Kris Goodwill has drafted a briefing paper on the controversial issues and President Cleveland – Ho Chunk Nation will be contacting the Wisconsin Tribal Chairman's to strategize on what the Wisconsin Tribe's need to accomplish.

David Miller will brief Chairman Waukau on what is happening at the State level.

Motion made by Shannon Wilber to recommend that this whole issue (ICWA) and a plan for lobbying for the passage of this be forwarded to the Tribal Legislature for discussion and action. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Richmond), and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

Mary Husby informed the Committee that the Menominee Indian Tribe's Child Support Policy and Procedures were approved by the Office of Child Support and Enforcement.

9. Other Business

No other business.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Shannon Wilber to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (D. Waukau).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office